

ADMINISTRATIVE

Idaho EMS Guideline
Administrative

MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL ON SCENE

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1. The authority for medical direction of Idaho EMS personnel rests with the EMS agency off-line medical direction and/or on-line medical control of the receiving hospital.
 2. Medical professionals who offer their assistance at the scene should be asked to identify themselves and their level of licensure. The EMS Provider should ask that the medical professional provide proof of identity if they wish to assist with care given to a patient after the arrival of EMS agency personnel.
 3. An identified Idaho licensed physician on the scene who is caring for a patient prior to arrival of EMS may retain responsibility for the patient, or relinquish further care to the responding EMS agency. If the physician chooses to retain responsibility for the patient, the EMS Provider should advise them that the physician must accompany the patient to the hospital and maintain care for the patient, accept responsibility for the patient's medical care, and communicate with the EMS supervising physician. The physician on the scene shall have made available to them the services and equipment of the EMS unit, if requested.
 4. Document the event in full on the EMS *Patient Care Report* or run report including the name of the physician on scene.
 5. If a conflict arises about patient care or treatment, on-line medical control should be contacted for assistance.

The Idaho EMS Bureau has taken extreme caution to ensure all information is accurate and in accordance with professional standards in effect at the time of publication. This guideline is for reference and may be modified at the discretion of the EMS Medical Director. It is recommended that care be based on the patient's clinical presentation and on authorized policies and guidelines.